

MCLEOD



VETERINARY
HOSPITAL



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Hospital Hours

Mon – Thurs 8 am – 6:30 pm
Friday 8 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday Closed
Closed Saturdays on long weekends in the summer.

Anti-spam Legislation

Canada has introduced a new anti-spam legislation. We now require written consent to e-mail any correspondence. We utilize our client emails as an important communication tool to provide valuable information such as:

- Your pet's Health Reminders: examination, vaccines and heartworm medication
- Important health related alerts: food recalls, virus outbreaks, changes in medications, etc.
- Newsletters

To continue or start receiving important correspondence we require one of the following:

- A personal email indicating we have your permission to email correspondence
- A signature the next time you visit us

Thank you for your co-operation. Should you have any questions or concerns please call us.

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Senior Wellness Examinations

In your pet's senior years it becomes more important than ever to keep up with a regular examination schedule. Routine examinations are beneficial in detecting early signs of age related diseases and conditions. Exams will also provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the aging process and how you can provide the best care for your pet.

As pets age it is not uncommon for major organs, such as the liver and kidneys, to begin to have decreased function. These changes are not always apparent to pet owners because organ damage is usually severe by the time a pet starts exhibiting signs that something is wrong. Annual blood screening can aid in early detection of liver and kidney damage, and allow the opportunity to discuss long term treatment and prognosis with a veterinarian. Many medications can affect liver and kidney function with long term use and veterinarians may recommend yearly bloodwork to monitor function of these vital organs.

Routine examinations provide an opportunity for the veterinarian to evaluate various areas of the body that can be affected by aging. It is not uncommon for aging pets to suffer from arthritis and other problems affecting the muscles and joints. Your veterinarian will discuss a care plan for your pet to manage the pain and inflammation associated with these conditions. The veterinarian will also evaluate heart and lung sounds in search of any irregularities. Heart murmurs and arrhythmias can indicate the beginning of heart disease and provide the opportunity for discussions on how to manage or treat any associated conditions. Teeth and gums will also be evaluated for the presence of plaque, tartar and gingivitis, all of which contribute to the overall health of your pet.

Early detection plays an integral role in the ability to effectively treat and manage certain disease processes. The McLeod Veterinary care team can help you in formulating a care plan suitable to your pet's individual needs to assist in the aging process.

Does your senior pet have a medical condition that limits mobility of their hindquarters?

The Pet Assist for Stairs and Vehicle is a tool that allows you to help support your pet's weight. It is a sling to assist pets while climbing stairs or coming in and out of vehicles. This handy product can also be used to assist post-operative orthopedic patients. The Pet Assist for Stairs and Vehicle is made from durable, washable material, is available in various different sizes, and is easily used by most individuals. Please contact us for more information regarding this product.

McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

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Ella Teasdale

is an 11 year old pug
lovingly owned by the
Teasdale family.

Saying Goodbye

Watching a pet age is never easy. Unfortunately, because their life span is so much shorter than ours, saying “goodbye” is inevitable. The choice for humane euthanasia is never easy, but there are several questions that you can ask yourself as a pet owner to come to an educated decision for your beloved friend.

If your pet is currently suffering from a medical condition, be sure to get as much information as possible from your veterinarian on the subject. What is your pet’s prognosis and what are the options for treatment? Are referrals necessary and available? How should you expect the condition to progress? Will your pet be able to maintain a good quality of life? Are you financially able to provide the necessary treatments or medications? All of these questions are important in making an educated decision for your pet.

When humane euthanasia is the most appropriate choice, preparing yourself and your family is never an easy task. Have a discussion with your veterinarian about your concerns, wishes, and expectations. This will provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have regarding the euthanasia process and aftercare options for your pet.

There are options, services, and resources available to help your family through the grieving process following the loss of your pet. The McLeod Veterinary Hospital team is available should you have any questions, require assistance or support.

“If love alone could have kept you here, you would have lived forever.”

Author Unknown



McLeod Veterinary Hospital is now on Facebook!
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Senior Diets

As our pets’ bodies age, their nutritional requirements begin to change. It becomes increasingly important to provide your pet with the nutrients necessary to thrive in their senior years.

Hill’s Healthy Advantage pet food offers Mature Adult formulas geared towards dogs and cats over the age of 7 years. These foods are available in both canned and dry formulations and are proven beneficial in many aspects of an aging pet’s life. Mature Adult formulas contain high quality, easily digestible ingredients, lean proteins to promote ideal body condition, and antioxidants such as vitamins E and C to increase immunity. Feline formulas are designed to maintain optimal urine pH levels, and contain fiber to aid in prevention of hairballs. Canine formulas contain added glucosamine and chondroitin to promote healthy joints and mobility. If you are looking for a nutritious choice for your aging companion, discuss Healthy Advantage with a member of the McLeod Veterinary team.